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SUBJECT: NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA

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1. FOLLOWING UP AN EARLIER SUGGESTION BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG FOR PERSONAL CONTACT, ANGOLAN PERM REP FIGUEIREDO REQUESTED A MEETING WITH YOUNG APRIL 26 IN INDONESIAN LOUNGE OF UN.
2. FIGUEIREDO ASKED IF AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS PLANNING TO GO TO MAPUTO NEXT MONTH AND WHETHER HIS ININERARY WOULD INCLUDE LUANDA. YOUNG TOLD HIM THAT IT APPEARED LIKELY HE WOULD BE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE IN MAPUTO, BUT ADDITIONAL ITINERARY PLANS WERE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.
3. FIGUEIREDO STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO LAUNCH CONCRETE TALKS POINTING TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE US. HE MENTIONED PREVIOUS CONTACTS, INCLUDING THOSE IN LISBON, AND ASIA HE UNDERSTOOD FUTURE NORMALIZATION DISCUSSIONS WERE TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED THE FULL AUTHORIZATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT SUCH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US SIDE.
4. YOUNG ASKED WHETHER ANGOLA HAD AN AGENDA OF ISSUES

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THAT IT WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH THE US SIDE. FIGUEREDO SAID HE HAD NO SUCH AGENDA PREPARED AS YET, BECAUSE HIS GOVERNMENT FELT THAT IT DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE POSITION OF THE US ON NORMALIZATION. HE REFERRED TO THE APPROACH MADE TO HIM APRIL 25 BY AF/S DIRECTOR BUCHANAN AND SAID HE HAD REPORTED THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTED MESSAGE TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND WAS AWAITING A RESPONSE.

WHILE HE COULD NOT PREDICT LUANDA'S ANSWER, HE PERSONALLY FELT THERE WAS A QUESTION RAISED WHETHER PROGRESS IN SETTLEMENT OF THE ZAIRE PROBLEM WAS NOW BEING PUT FORWARD AS A PRE-CONDITION FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ANGOLA AND THE US. IN RESPONSE, WE UNDERLINED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WORD PROGRESS AS USED BY THE US IN ITS INTEREST TO ACHIEVE A START IN TALKS WHICH MIGHT BRING A SETTLEMENT OF THE ZAIRE PROBLEM. FIGUEIREDO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS POINT, BUT IT STILL LEFT THE US POSITION ON COMMENCEMENT OF NORMALIZATION TALKS WITH ANGOLA SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR. HE OUTLINED BRIEFLY ANGOLA'S POSITION ON ZAIRE: THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT IS NEITHER RESPONSIBLE FOR NOR INVOLVED IN THE ZAIRE PROBLEM, WHICH IS A DOMESTIC MATTER WITHIN ZAIRE.

5. FIGUEIREDO AGAIN SPOKE OF THE INTEREST OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN GETTING STARTED WITH CONCRETE NORMALIZATION TALKS. HE SAID THERE ALREADY ARE MANY AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS OPERATING EFFECTIVELY IN ANGOLA, AND THEY ARE RECEIVING A LARGE NUMBER OF LETTERS FROM OTHER AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN INTERESTED IN INVESTMENTS THERE. ANGOLA ALSO HAS FREELY GRANTED VISAS TO AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE WANTED TO TRAVEL TO ANGOLA, SIGNALLY ANGOLA'S INTEREST IN GOOD RELATIONS WITH US.

6. FIGUEIREDO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CHANCE TO CHAT WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND PROMISED TO LET US KNOW AS SOON AS HE RECEIVES A RESPONSE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. HE EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL EAGERNESS FOR FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES
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